



Mourvèdre N



Name of the variety in France

Mourvèdre

Origin

This variety is originally from Spain and was probably introduced in France at the end of the Middle Ages.

Synonyms

In the European Union, Mourvèdre is officially called by other names: Mataro (Cyprus) and Monastrell (Spain). These synonyms are officially recognized in France regarding plant propagation material.

Legal information

In France, Mourvèdre is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" on the A list and classified. This variety is also listed in the catalogues of other Member States of the European Union: Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Malta and Spain.

Use

Wine grape variety.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

	1958	1968	1979	1988	1998	2008	2018
ha	617	857	3146	5608	7249	9164	9149

Descriptive elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a very high density of prostrate hairs,
- the young leaves with bronze spots,
- the shoots with red colored internodes and an erect bearing,
- the circular adult leaves, entire or with three lobes, with a open lyre-shaped petiole sinus, large teeth, moderate compared to their width at the base with straight sides, a moderate anthocyanin coloration of veins, a flat leaf blade, and on the lower side of the leaves, a high density of erect and prostrate hairs,
- the round-shaped berries.

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allel 1	131	223	249	176	188	252	240	243	239
Allel 2	149	238	249	186	204	262	262	257	255

Phenology

Bud burst: 13 days after Chasselas.

Grape maturity: late-season, 4 weeks and a half after Chasselas.

Suitability for cultivation and agronomic production

Mourvèdre is a demanding variety and its growing is delicate. With its erect bearing and acrotonic nature, it must be pruned short. As such, it can be trained in cordon, with reduced trellis or in open gobelet. Care must be taken to maintain the non abundant foliage, that is moderately effective. Trimming must be avoided to limit the presence of large size grappillons, which then represent a bothersome competition. Production per vine trunk must be low to prevent risk of depletion. This variety sometimes demonstrates alternating fertility. The pedo-climatic requirements of Mourvèdre are very demanding. This variety appears well adapted to limestone soils deep enough to allow a limited but regular water supply. Potassium and magnesium supplies (K/Mg) must also be balanced in order to prevent the appearance of deficiencies. Finally, the main limiting factor for growing this late variety (budburst and grape maturity), is that the temperatures at the moment of grape maturation must be very high (especially minimum temperatures) to enable proper ripening and a sufficient accumulation of sugar in the berries. This variety is thus reserved for the hottest southern areas and the best exposed.

Susceptibility to diseases and pests

Mourvèdre is sensitive to mites, vine leafhoppers, esca and sour rot. On the other hand, it is generally not very so susceptible to grey rot and it resists well against phomopsis.

Technological potentiality

Mourvèdre's bunches are medium to large and the berries are medium in size. The color potential of this variety is moderate with sometimes a lack of acidity. Nevertheless, Mourvèdre can produce very high quality, aromatic, tannic and structured wines, suitable for ageing and maturing in wood barrels, provided that the grape maturity is sufficient (12 natural degrees minimum) and that the production per vine trunk is limited.

Clonal selection in France

The fourteen certified Mourvèdre clones carry the numbers 233, 234, 244, 245, 247, 248, 249, 369, 448, 449, 450, 520, 1069 and 1215. A conservatory of almost 100 clones has been planted in the wine-growing region of Bandol (French department of Var) since 2004.

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Description of clones certified in France

Clone no.	Identity and availability		Agronomic data		Technological data	
	Origin	Selection	Fertility	Production level	Sugar level	Color potential
	Year of certification	Agronomic references	Bunch weight	Vigor	Titrate acidity	Tannic structure
	Surface area used for propagation (year)		Berry size	Susceptibility to grey rot	Aromatic intensity	Oenological suitability
233	Var	ENTAV	medium	medium	medium	
	1973	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	medium to high	high		
	0.46 ha					representative wines of the variety

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	<i>Year of certification</i>	<i>Agronomic references</i>	<i>Bunch weight</i>	<i>Vigor</i>	<i>Titration acidity</i>	<i>Tannic structure</i>
	<i>Surface area used for propagation (year)</i>		<i>Berry size</i>	<i>Susceptibility to grey rot</i>	<i>Aromatic intensity</i>	<i>Oenological suitability</i>

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234	Drôme	ENTAV	medium to high	medium	medium	
	1973	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	medium to high	medium to high	medium to high	
	2.28 ha					representative wines of the variety

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244	Aude	INRA	high	high	medium	
	1973	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	high	high		
	2.25 ha					representative wines of the variety

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245	Non précisée	INRA		medium to high		
	1973	Languedoc				
	0.66 ha					representative wines of the variety

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247	Aude	INRA	medium	medium to high	medium	
	1973	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	high	high		
	0.40 ha					representative wines of the variety

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248	Non précisée	INRA		medium to high		
	1973	Languedoc				
	0.37 ha					representative wines of the variety

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249	Aude	INRA	low to medium	medium	medium to high	
	1973	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	medium			
	1.86 ha					representative wines of the variety

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369	Espagne	ENTAV	low to medium	low to medium	medium to high	high
	1975	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	low to medium		medium	medium to high
	10.70 ha					well-balanced wines, representative of the variety

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448	Non précisée	ENTAV	medium	high	medium	
	1976	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	high	low		
	0.34 ha					representative wines of the variety

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irregular production

449	Non précisée	ENTAV	medium to high	medium to high	medium	
	1976	Provence	medium			
	1.20 ha					balanced wines but that can lack acidity

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450	Non précisée	ENTAV	medium	medium to high	medium	
	1976	Languedoc Provence Rhône-Valley	high	low		
	0.04 ha					representative wines of the variety

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	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Selection</i>	<i>Fertility</i>	<i>Production level</i>	<i>Sugar level</i>	<i>Color potential</i>
	<i>Year of certification</i>	<i>Agronomic references</i>	<i>Bunch weight</i>	<i>Vigor</i>	<i>Titrate acidity</i>	<i>Tannic structure</i>
	<i>Surface area used for propagation (year)</i>		<i>Berry size</i>	<i>Susceptibility to grey rot</i>	<i>Aromatic intensity</i>	<i>Oenological suitability</i>

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520	Charente	ENTAV	high	high	low	
	1976	Provence	medium		high	
	0.47 ha					representative wines of the variety

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1069	Espagne	CA 83 - ENTAV	low to medium	low to medium	high	high
	2003	Provence	low to medium	low	medium	medium to high
						aromatic wines with a good tannic structure

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1215	Espagne	CA 83 - IFV	low to medium	low to medium	high	
	2014	Provence	low to medium		medium	
			medium		high	balanced rosé wines with high aromatic intensity

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